

Dear Ham:

The enclosed delightful piece of reader comment was sent to me in my capacity as member of the Editorial Advisory Board. I have informed Mr. Teodoru that I am passing it on to you for appropriate handling.

With warm regards,

(Signed) Henry

Henry A. Kissinger

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Dear Mr. Teodoru:

Thank you for your letter to me of July 19,  
and your comments on the articles published  
in the July 1970 issue of Foreign Affairs.

I have passed your letter on to the editor of  
Foreign Affairs. I am sure he will be  
interested in your comments.

I appreciate your calling this to my atten-  
tion, and apologize for my delay in replying.

Regards,

(Signed) HENRY A. KISSINGER

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Dear Dr. Kissinger:

With great pain and amazement we read the recent issue of FOREIGN AFFAIRS. In it were three articles on "Indochina" -- an entity which, by the way, no longer exists except in the archives of the French Colonial Office. The authors of these three articles were Townsend Hoopes, Jean Lacouture, and Robert H. Johnson. All these three authors have fallen into ill repute through their previous "studies" of the Vietnam problem. Mr. Hoopes' deceptiveness is now a matter of public record. Mr. Lacouture's allegiance and manipulations of the facts on its behalf is also well known, and, last but not least, Mr. Johnson's notorious presentation, so full of superficiality, now borders on stupidity. So then, why all this nonsense in forty-seven pages of FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

We all know a good deal about what moves these authors to write as they do. We do not quarrel with the legitimacy of their opinions -- theirs is as legitimate as anyone else's. However, their foolish presentations and the superficiality of their arguments make us wonder what on earth are the standards of FOREIGN AFFAIRS?

We write to you, Sir, because unlike the other editorial advisors you are in a position of grave responsibility and not one to play low level political games with this crucial issue. We have appreciated your views as sound and full of what seriousness and competence demand. Please, Sir, tell us, why were these three articles printed? Why wasn't divergence of opinion selected (from the back of the Table of Contents: "The articles in FOREIGN AFFAIRS do not represent any consensus of beliefs... our writers will flatly disagree with others...")?

Lastly, since FOREIGN AFFAIRS accepts responsibility for the choice of articles, how can you, Sir, risk sharing in the blame for such blatant and crass propaganda on the first forty-seven pages of the July 1970 FOREIGN AFFAIRS?

With unswerving respect  
(but great confusion),

August 22, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Peter W. Rodman

SUBJECT: Reader's Critical Comment on Foreign Affairs  
Selection of Articles on Vietnam

A Mr. Daniel Teodoru writes you in your capacity as member of the editorial advisory board of Foreign Affairs, complaining that the three articles on Vietnam in the July 1970 issue (by Townsend Hoopes, Jean Lacouture, and Robert H. Johnson) were all slanted against our policy. He asks you why they were printed and how you can "risk sharing in the blame" for their selection.

At Tab A for your signature is a short note to Hamilton Fish Armstrong passing this piece of fan mail along to him. At Tab B is a short note to Mr. Teodoru informing him that you have passed his letter on to the editor of Foreign Affairs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the note to Armstrong at Tab A and the note to Teodoru at Tab B.